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E.O. 11652: GDS
SUBJECT: LOPEZ VISIT TO US
REF: TEGUCIGALPA 3328
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FROM: SECSTATE

1. IF LOPEZ VISIT FIRMS UP EMBASSY SHOULD CABLE ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE, AND ITINERARY INFORMATION INCLUDING FLIGHT NUMBERS. US SECRET SERVICE AUTOMATICALLY TAKES ACTION AND WILL COVER LOPEZ DURING HIS ENTIRE STAY. DEPARTMENT UN-AWARE OF ANY SECURITY PROBLEM ON A PREVIOUS INVITATION TO LOPEZ BUT WE PRESUME SUCH AN INCIDENT, IF ANY, OCCURRED WHEN HE WAS NOT A CHIEF OF STATE. SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION FOR A CHIEF OF STATE IS AUTOMATIC AND YOU MAY ASSURE LOPEZ, IF ASKED, THAT NO PROBLEMS WILL OCCUR.

2. YOU SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, SUGGEST A WASHINGTON VISIT FOR LOPEZ. IF HE REQUESTS SUCH A VISIT YOU SHOULD BE NON-COMMITAL AND TELL HIM THAT YOU MUST REFER THE REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT. FYI: WITH SO LITTLE TIME REMAINING UNTIL LOPEZ' VISIT, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE A SUITABLE PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON. END FYI
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